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TI Questioning the role of salicylic acid and cytosolic acidification in  
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TI Promoter analysis of **WIPK**, a gene encoding a tobacco MAP kinase,  
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TI Antisense expression of an Arabidopsis plastid omega-3 fatty acid  
desaturase gene enhances the necrotic lesion formation by TMV infection in  
**transgenic tobacco plants**.

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TI Differential induction of tobacco MAP kinases by the defense signals  
nitric oxide, salicylic acid, ethylene, and jasmonic acid

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TI A non-toxic pokeweed antiviral protein mutant inhibits pathogen infection  
via a novel salicylic acid-independent pathway

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TI Possible involvement of protein phosphorylation in the wound-responsive  
expression of Arabidopsis plastid .omega.-3 fatty acid desaturase gene

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TI Early signalling events in the Avr9/Cf-9-dependent **plant** defense  
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TI Jasmonate-based wound signal transduction requires activation of  
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TI Rapid Avr9- and Cf-9-dependent activation of MAP kinases in tobacco cell  
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AB In **plants**, the role of mitogen-activated protein kinase (MAPK) in reactive oxygen species (ROS)-based signal transduction processes is elusive. Despite the fact that ROS can induce MAPK activation, no direct genetic evidence has linked ROS-induced MAPK activation with the hypersensitive response, a form of programmed cell death. In tobacco, the major ROS-induced MAPK is salicylate-induced protein kinase (SIPK). We found through gain-of-function and loss-of-function approaches that both overexpression and RNA interference-based suppression of SIPK render the **plant** sensitive to ROS stress. **Transgenic** lines overexpressing a nonphosphorylatable version of SIPK were not ROS

sensitive. Analysis of the MAPK activation profiles in ROS-stressed **transgenic** and wild-type **plants** revealed a striking interplay between SIPK and another MAPK (**wound-induced protein kinase [WIPK]**) in the different kinotypes. During continuous ozone exposure, abnormally prolonged activation of SIPK was seen in the SIPK-overexpression genotype, without **WIPK** activation, whereas strong and stable activation of **WIPK** was observed in the SIPK-suppressed lines. Thus, one role of activated SIPK in tobacco cells upon ROS stimulation appears to be control of the inactivation of **WIPK**.

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AB **WIPK (wound induced protein**

**kinase)** is a tobacco MAP kinase, transcripts of which are induced by mech. wounding and TMV infection. In order to clarify the mechanisms of regulation of **WIPK** expression, the authors isolated a 1122 bp section of the promoter region of the **WIPK** gene and fused it to the GUS reporter gene. Histochem. staining using a **transgenic** line contg. this construct clearly showed **WIPK** to be almost exclusively localized at or near the sites of wounding and necrotic lesions. To identify the responsive elements, 5'-deletion constructs contg. 874, 559 and 430 bp of the promoter regions, resp., were fused to GUS and **transgenic** tobacco lines contg. these constructs were assayed for GUS induction upon wounding or on stimulation of a hypersensitive response (HR) after TMV infection. Measurement of enzymic activity and Northern blot hybridization showed that the shortest promoter of 430 bp was sufficient for HR and a wound response, but that the extended region conferred a higher magnitude of response. It was thus suggested that, although the promoter region within 430 bp is essential, **WIPK** is regulated by multiple factors including enhancer-like elements residing beyond the core region.

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AB Novel uses for **WIPK**, a member of the mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase family, are provided, based on the discovery that the **WIPK** protein is activatable in assocn. with development or enhancement of resistance to microbial pathogens. Tobacco mosaic virus infection activates a 44-kDa kinase designated **WIPK** in tobacco **plants** carrying the N resistance gene. In contrast to SIPK from tobacco and MAP kinases from yeast and mammals, activation of **WIPK** is preceded by a rise in mRNA levels and de novo synthesis of **WIPK** protein. Activation of **WIPK** is N resistance gene dependent, salicylic acid independent, and systemic. Wounding causes increased **WIPK** mRNA levels, but not increased **WIPK** protein levels. Thus, **WIPK** may play a crit. role in signal transduction for activation of **plant** defenses against certain microbial pathogens. Methods are disclosed for making **WIPK transgenic plants** with enhanced resistance to disease causing agents. In addn., **transgenic plants** transformed with **WIPK** and having enhanced disease resistance are disclosed.

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AB A gene encoding a tobacco mitogen-activated protein kinase (**WIPK**  
) is transcriptionally activated in response to wounding.  
**Transgenic tobacco plants**, in which expression of  
endogenous **wipk** was suppressed, did not accumulate jasmonic acid  
or its methyl ester when wounded, suggesting that **WIPK** is  
involved in jasmonate-mediated wound signal transduction. Here, we  
demonstrate that activation of **WIPK** is required for triggering  
the jasmonate-mediated signal transduction cascade that occurs when  
wild-type tobacco **plants** are wounded. We also show that when  
**plants** are wounded, **WIPK** is rapidly and transiently  
activated, whereas the quantity of **WIPK** protein is maintained at  
a constant level. A **transgenic tobacco plant** in which  
the **wipk** gene was constitutively expressed at a high level  
showed constitutive enzymatic activation of **WIPK** and exhibited  
three- to fourfold higher levels of jasmonate than did its wild-type  
counterpart. This **plant** also showed constitutive accumulation of  
jasmonate-inducible proteinase inhibitor II transcripts. These results  
show that **WIPK** is activated in response to wounding, which  
subsequently causes an increase in jasmonate synthesis.

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TI Questioning the role of salicylic acid and cytosolic acidification in mitogen-activated protein kinase activation induced by cryptogein in tobacco cells.

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TI A 45-kDa protein kinase related to mitogen-activated protein kinase is activated in tobacco cells treated with a phorbol ester.

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TI MAP kinase cascades in elicitor signal transduction

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TI MAPK activation induced by cryptogein, an elicitor of tobacco defense responses.

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TI Molecular cloning and cultivar specific expression of MAP kinases from *Capsicum annuum*

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AB **Plant** mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPKs) represented by tobacco wounding-induced protein kinase (**WIPK**) have unique regulation at the level of transcription in response to stresses. By using transcriptional and translational inhibitors, it has been shown previously that **WIPK** gene expression and de novo protein synthesis are



required for the high-level activity of **WIPK** in cells treated with elicitors from *Phytophthora* spp. However, regulation of **WIPK** expression and the role(s) of **WIPK** in **plant** disease resistance are unknown. In this report, we demonstrate that **WIPK** gene transcription is regulated by phosphorylation and de-phosphorylation events. Interestingly, salicylic acid-induced protein kinase (**SIPK**) was identified as the kinase involved in regulating **WIPK** gene expression based on both gain-of-function and loss-of-function analyses. This finding revealed an additional level of interaction between **SIPK** and **WIPK**, which share an upstream MAPKK, NtMEK2. Depending on whether **WIPK** shares its downstream targets with **SIPK**, it could either function as a positive feed-forward regulator of **SIPK** or initiate a new pathway. Consistent with the first scenario, co-expression of **WIPK** with the active mutant of NtMEK2 leads to accelerated hypersensitive response (HR)-like cell death in which **SIPK** also plays a role. Mutagenesis analysis revealed that the conserved common docking domain in **WIPK** is required for its function. Together with prior reports that (i) **WIPK** is activated in NN tobacco infected with tobacco mosaic virus, and (ii) PVX virus-induced gene silencing of **WIPK** attenuated N gene-mediated resistance, we concluded that **WIPK** plays a positive role in **plant** disease resistance, possibly through accelerating the pathogen-induced HR cell death.

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- AB Elicitors of **plant** defence reactions, oligogalacturonides and cryptogein, an elicitor produced by *Phytophthora cryptogea*, were previously shown to induce a rapid and transient activation of two mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPKs) in cells of tobacco [*Nicotiana tabacum* L. cv. Xanthi; A. Lebrun-Garcia et al. (1998) **Plant J** 15:773-781]. We verified that these two MAPKs correspond to the salicylic acid-induced protein kinase (**SIPK**) and the wound-induced protein kinase (**WIPK**). The involvement of salicylic acid (SA) in cryptogein-induced MAPK activation was investigated using transgenic NahG tobacco cells expressing the salicylate hydroxylase gene and thus unable to accumulate SA. The large and sustained activation of both MAPKs by cryptogein was maintained in transgenic cells compared with non-transgenic tobacco cells. Moreover, weak acids, namely SA, 4-hydroxybenzoic acid, an ineffective analogue of SA in **plant** resistance, and butyric acid acidified the cytosol, a physiological event also induced by cryptogein, but activated both MAPKs only slightly and transiently in tobacco cells. These results indicate that MAPK activation by cryptogein is not mediated by SA, that cytosolic acidification can be transduced by MAPKs, and that in cryptogein-treated cells, cytosolic acidification should contribute poorly to MAPK activation.

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AB The activation of mitogen-activated protein kinases (MAPKs) is one of the earliest responses in **plants** challenged by avirulent pathogens or cells treated with pathogen-derived elicitors. Expression of a constitutively active MAPK kinase, NtMEK2DD, in tobacco induces the expression of defense genes and hypersensitive response-like cell death, which are preceded by the activation of two endogenous MAPKs, salicylic acid-induced protein kinase (**SIPK**) and wounding-induced protein kinase (**WIPK**). However, the roles that **SIPK** and **WIPK** each play in the process are unknown. Here we report that **SIPK** alone is sufficient to activate these defense responses. In tobacco leaves transiently transformed with **SIPK** under the control of a steroid-inducible promoter, the induction of **SIPK** expression after the application of dexamethasone, a steroid, leads to an increase of **SIPK** activity. The increase of **SIPK** activity is dependent on the phosphorylation of newly synthesized **SIPK** by its endogenous upstream kinase. In contrast, the expression of **WIPK** under the same conditions fails to increase its activity, even though the protein accumulates to a similar level. Studies using chimeras of **SIPK** and **WIPK** demonstrated that the C terminus of **SIPK** contains the molecular determinant for its activation, which is rather surprising because the N termini of **SIPK** and **WIPK** are more divergent. **SIPK** has been implicated previously in the regulation of both **plant** defense gene activation and hypersensitive response-like cell death based on evidence from pharmacological studies using kinase inhibitors. This gain-of-function study provided more direct evidence for its role in the signaling of multiple defense responses in tobacco.

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